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POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES RELATING TO YOUTH

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled:

"Policies and programmes relating to youth:

"(a) Implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples: report of the Secretary-General.

"(b) Guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations: report of the Secretary-General."

was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 33/6 of 3 November 1978.

2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

3. The Committee considered this item at its 51st, 52nd and 59th meetings, on 20 and 27 November. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States and of the specialized agencies and by the observers on this item are contained in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/34/SR.51, 52, and 59).

4. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Measures taken to implement the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between

Peoples and on the role and the participation of youth in the development and nation-building process, as well as in the promotion of international co-operation and understanding: report of the Secretary-General (E/CM.5/575);

- (b) Channels of communication with youth and youth organizations: report of the Secretary-General (A/34/199);
- (c) Establishment of a co-operative arrangement among youth research and information centres: progress report of the Secretary-General (E/CM.5/559);
- (d) Work of the Interagency Task Force on Youth Policies and Programmes: note by the Secretary-General (A/34/653).

5. The Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Deputy Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme made introductory statements at the 51st meeting on 20 November (see A/C.3/34/SR.51).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/34/L.41

6. At the 59th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Egypt introduced a draft resolution entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth" sponsored by Bangladesh, Bolivia, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Kenya, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania, subsequently joined by Fiji, Nigeria, Uganda, Venezuela and Zaire.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/34/L.41 without a vote (see para. 8).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

8. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Policies and programmes relating to youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/130 of 16 December 1976 on the role of youth, 31/131 of 16 December 1976 on the United Nations Volunteers programme, 33/6 of 3 November 1978 on general communication and Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/27 of 9 May 1979,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on channels of communication 1/ and on the work of the Interagency Task Force on Youth Policies and Programmes, 2/

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1/ A/34/199.

2/ A/34/653.

Convinced of the need to improve the efforts of the United Nations with regard to participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, especially those concerning economic and social progress and development,

Equally convinced of the valuable contribution that youth can make in promoting co-operation among States and the implementation of the New International Economic Order based on equity and justice,

Recognizing the need for wider and more effective use of all appropriate channels that would allow young people to participate in a concrete and effective manner in national development and in the activities of the United Nations at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

Also recognizing that for the successful implementation of the International Youth Year greatly extended and improved communication with young people and youth organizations representative of all regions of the world will be important,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution, together with its annex containing draft additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, to all Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for their comments and suggestions,

2. Invites Member States to communicate the substance of the present resolution and its annex to national youth organizations and asks for their comments and suggestions;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary action to obtain from Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council their comments on the aforementioned draft additional guidelines and to submit a report in this regard to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth".

ANNEX

Draft additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels  
of communication between the United Nations and youth and  
youth organizations

A. National

1. Attention should be given to the expansion of advisory services on youth activities provided by the United Nations to Governments at their request.
2. Bearing in mind proposals contained in the Secretary-General's note on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, attention should also be given, in consultation with Governments, to the promotion of the establishment of national liaison and focal points on youth, taking into consideration the networks of national correspondents which have been set up to facilitate communication between countries and with the United Nations in allied fields of social development.

B. Regional

1. The regional economic commissions should review their relationships with regional non-governmental organizations in order to facilitate co-operation between these organizations, especially those active with young people, and the economic regional commissions with regard to youth activities.
2. The regional commissions should be requested to pay special attention to the question of active participation of youth in the process of development and to consider the need to co-operate closely with the international programmes of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Development Programme for the provision of services for and by youth towards employment.
3. In the context of the previous paragraph the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, within their mandate, should consider the promotion and co-ordination of all activities regarding the integration and participation of youth in development within their respective regions.
4. The regional commissions should consider the possibility of organizing regional workshops on questions relating to youth.

C. International

1. The Interagency Task Force on Youth should serve as a focal point within the United Nations system for the promotion and co-ordination of the activities in the field of youth and the integration of these activities into the over-all programmes on social and economic development.

2. Governments and non-governmental organizations with youth programmes should be encouraged to contribute material for publication in the Youth Information Bulletin, which is issued quarterly in three languages, and also to identify channels through which copies of the Bulletin can be circulated in order to reach the maximum number of young people.
3. The practice of providing internships for youth should be expanded to give young people from all regions of the world the opportunity of serving the United Nations for short periods and thereby learning of its activities on a first-hand basis. Those internships should not be confined to United Nations Headquarters.
4. The joint United Nations Information Committee should be invited to consider the views of youth organizations representative of all regions of the world on the production and circulation of United Nations publications of interest to youth.
5. The Secretary-General should maintain under review the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, in the light of the comments received from Governments.

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